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Re: New U.S. Patent Application

Title: DYE COMPOSITION FOR KERATIN FIBERS, COMPRISING
AT LEAST ONE COMPOUND CHOSEN FROM ORTHO-
AND α -DIALDEHYDE COMPOUNDS AND AT LEAST ONE
SULPHUR COMPOUND

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 35 pages, including title page and abstract, and including 4 independent claims and 44 claims total.
2. Information Data Sheet (2 pgs.).
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee						\$ 770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims	Rate	
Total Claims	44	-	20	24	X \$ 18	\$ 432.00
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\$ 518.00 additional claims fee.

Applicants claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on French Patent Application No. 02 15913, filed December 16, 2002, in France. Applicants also claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/456,180, filed March 21, 2003, in the United States.

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Please accord this application an application number and a filing date.

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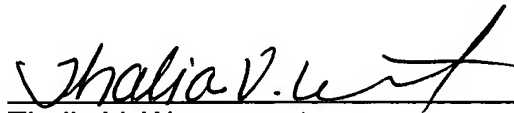
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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